

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion for the purpose of considering policies and guidelines regarding the allocation of gains from sales of energy, telecommunications, and water utility assets.

Rulemaking 04-09-003 (Filed September 2, 2004)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING DIRECTING THE FILING OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

This ruling directs The Utility Reform Network (TURN) to supplement its request for intervenor compensation to provide information demonstrating that the hours and costs that it claims in compensation are reasonable.

TURN participated in this proceeding by submitting a series of pleadings jointly with DRA, including joint opening comments on November 3, 2004; joint reply comments on December 8, 2004; joint comments on the Brown proposed decision (PD) on January 5, 2006; joint comments on the Chong alternate proposed decision (APD) on April 17, 2006; joint reply comments on the Chong APD on April 24, 2006; and joint application for rehearing of D.06-05-041 on June 29, 2006.

TURN states that DRA took the "laboring oar" on most of their joint submissions, but claims compensation for 138 hours of attorney time and 3.75 hours of expert consultant time. TURN does not provide information that permits us to assess whether its costs were reasonable.

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For example, TURN does not provide an accounting of DRA's hours and costs to allow us to evaluate whether the combined level of hours was reasonable relative to the scope and complexity of the proceeding and DRA/TURN's contributions. TURN makes no showing that DRA reasonably required TURN's participation or expertise in order to adequately advocate its own recommendations on the specified issues. TURN makes no showing that it provided a different perspective than DRA's, or that its efforts influenced DRA to alter its predisposed position.

TURN is directed to file supplemental information showing that its claimed costs were reasonable, no later than April 13, 2007.

It is so ruled.

Dated March 28, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ SARAH R. THOMAS
Sarah R. Thomas
Administrative Law Judge